



H.R. 6950 – To establish the Stephanie Tubbs Jones Gift of Life Medal for organ donors and the family of organ donors

FLOOR SITUATION

H.R. 6950 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative Pete Stark (D-CA) on September 18, 2008. The bill was referred to the Committee on Financial Services, but was never considered.

H.R. 6950 is expected to be considered on the floor of the House on September 23, 2008.

SUMMARY

H.R. 6950 allows the Secretary of Health and Human Services, through the Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network, to award a “Stephanie Tubbs Jones Gift of Life Medal” to an individual organ donor or family of an individual organ donor. The organ procurement organization would establish an application procedure requiring an individual or family to submit documentation supporting the eligibility to receive a medal. The Secretary of the Treasury would be responsible for the design and production of the medal and would be 100 percent reimbursed for all associated work.

BACKGROUND

The late Honorable Stephanie Tubbs Jones (D-OH) died of a brain aneurysm in August 2008. Rep. Tubbs Jones requested that her organs and tissues be donated in the event of her death. Organ donation is the removal of the tissues of the human body from a person who has recently died, or from a living donor, for the purpose of transplanting.

Congresswoman Tubbs Jones represented Ohio's Eleventh Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives for 11 years. Her district included most of Cleveland and its eastern suburbs. Tubbs Jones was Chairwoman of the House Committee on Standards of Official Conduct and a member of the Ways and Means Committee.

COST

The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) has not produced a cost estimate for H.R. 6950 as of September 23, 2008.

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